

St. Matthew's Church of England Primary School

Our Vision is to enable our whole school community to live life in all its fullness

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The Friends of St Matthew's Primary School www.fosmps.com



A HUGE THANK YOU to all the staff (Mr Hornby, Miss Pearce, Mrs Morandi, Miss Taylor, Mrs Golding and Mrs Philcox) who accompanied our Year 6 pupils on their residential trip to Braeside last week!

We would like to thank **Mrs Jan Lovitt** for her dedication and support of our school over the last 10 years as School Business Manager. She leaves us at the end of the month and we wish her a long and happy retirement. Many of you will have met Mrs Zsuzsanna Katona, our new School Business Manager. We hope she will be very happy here.

Fosmps AGM
FRIENDS OF ST MATTHEW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

You're invited!
Come along to our AGM to find out what we've achieved this year, hear about our plans for the year ahead, and get involved in supporting our school community.

Thursday 1st October
7:30pm

Join virtually
Scan the QR code

Everyone is welcome - parents, carers and friends.
We'd love to see you there!

FRIENDS OF ST MATTHEW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
Stronger Together for Our School

We are looking forward to this environmentally friendly event at St Matthew's Church from 2.30-4.30 this Saturday (26th September) Please do come and support. Our school will be holding our usual eco-refill stall too.

ST. MATTHEW'S SURBITON
Eco Church
Eco-Festival
26th September 2026 2:30pm-4:30pm
Swap, Fix, Learn, Make.
NO CHARGE

COMMUNITY SWAP:
Clothes
Shoes and Accessories
Books
Jigsaws
Board Games
Bring up to 5 items from any category (or more than one) and swap them for up to five items from a similar category. Good condition and good quality please with all the pieces working. No intimate apparel please.

FIX:
Learn basic bike repairs or have someone look at your bike and assess the repair.*
Learn to sew a button or simple clothing repair.

LEARN:
Knitting
Weaving
All about Flax and see our progress
Recipes cards for seasonal projects

MAKE:
A button bookmark or project
Recycled Windowsill Gardens and soil free Lettuce
A household Earth pledge

REFILL
St. Matthew's School will be on hand to sell liquid shampoo and soap into your own container. This is the only thing you pay for. Electronic payments preferred.

FREE REFRESHMENTS

*we hope to offer bike marking TBC

Saint Matthew's Day

On Monday of this week (21st September) we celebrated St Matthew's Day in school. We spoke about this is collective worships and learned about the extraordinary life of our school patron.

- Did you know that he was originally known as Levi and became known as Matthew which means 'gift of the Lord?'



Our annual **school flu vaccination** session will take place on **Friday 25th September 2026**, delivered by the Kingston Immunisation Team.

Parents and carers are asked to complete the consent form in advance. Ahead of the visit, we will also show the children a short video in school explaining what will happen and helping to reassure them about the vaccination process. Parents may wish to view with their child at home:

<https://youtu.be/DRQBBhm-Omk>

NHS
Protecting your child against flu
Flu immunisation in England

Information for parents and carers

Flu Immunisation
Helping to protect children, every winter

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The FOSMPS AGM 2026 will be via Zoom 1st October 2026 at 7.30pm. Please do join the online meeting and meet other keen parents/carers!

Jeans for Genes Day- This Friday 25 September.

On this day, your child will be invited to wear their home clothes in exchange for a donation of £1 via **School Gateway** to be donated to this crucial charity that investigates and supports families who are affected by genetic disorders. THANK YOU SO MUCH

Transfer to Secondary School in September 2027

If you have a child in Year 6, please do not wait until the last minute to complete the secondary application form. Applications opened on Monday 1 September 2026. Kingston Secondary Schools hold open events in September and October. Secondary applications close on Friday 31 October 2026. Secondary National Offer Day is Monday 1 March 2027.

The **Admission to Kingston's Secondary Schools guide** and the Kingston **schools brochure** are available on the [AfC website](#)

If you have any questions or concerns please email kingston.admissions@achievingforchildren.org.uk for support.

Emergency Telephone Numbers

Please ensure that your child's emergency contact numbers are kept up-to-date with the school office. We do require at least two numbers. If you need to update us with new contact details, please email the school office on admin@stmatthews.rbksch.org

ST MATTHEW'S COMMUNITY LITTER PICK

WHEN:

Saturday 21st November 2026
Saturday 13th March 2027
Saturday 19th June 2027
9:30am - 11:00am

WHERE:

Meet outside the school. We will then collect litter on our way to Fishponds park. Everyone is welcome!

WHAT TO BRING:

- Litter Pick
- Bin Bags
- Gloves



Well done to Reception classes especially. They have made a fantastic start to the new academic year and it is wonderful to see them settling so well into their classes and routines. A polite reminder that school staff have to stay vigilant in order to safeguard all children, so they are not able to chat at the gate. However, please do feel free to write a brief note in your child's blue communication book if you wish to meet with the teacher and we will be happy to help.

